Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims by adding new claim 13 as follows:

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A camera system for mounting to an aircraft having a topography, the camera system comprising:

a housing including a flange and a receptacle, the flange being configured to complement the topography of the aircraft, the receptacle having an opening and an inner surface;

a window fixed within the opening of the receptacle;

a camera disposed within the receptacle having optical communication with the window, a space being defined between the camera and the inner surface of the receptacle; and

a filler disposed in the space to seal the camera within the receptacle, such that by filling the space, the filler provides the camera with a surrounding vibration-dampening layer of filler.

2. (ORIGINAL) A camera system as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
the filler is an adhesive compound.

3. (ORIGINAL) A camera system as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
the filler is epoxy.

4. (ORIGINAL) A camera system as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:
a heater configured to heat the window

5. (ORIGINAL) A camera system as claimed in claim 4 wherein the heater includes:
a conductive film disposed upon the window; and
a pair of wires connected to the conductive film.

6. (ORIGINAL) A camera system as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
the window includes sapphire.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A camera system for external mounting to an aircraft having a topography, the camera system comprising:

a housing including a flange and a receptacle, the flange being configured to complement the topography of the aircraft, the receptacle having an opening;

a window fixed within the opening of the receptacle;

a heater configured to heat the window; and

a camera disposed within the receptacle having optical communication with the window;

the camera being held within the receptacle and insulated from vibration by a surrounding vibration-dampening layer of filler.

8. (ORIGINAL) A camera system as claimed in claim **7** wherein the heater includes:

a conductive film disposed on the window; and

a pair of wires connected to the conductive film.

9. (ORIGINAL) A camera system as claimed in claim **7** wherein the window is sapphire.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A camera system as claimed in claim **7** wherein a space is defined between the camera and an inner surface of the receptacle;

the filler occupying the space to seal the camera within the receptacle

11. (ORIGINAL) A camera system as claimed in claim **10** wherein:

the filler is an adhesive compound.

12. (ORIGINAL) A camera system as claimed in claim **11** wherein the adhesive compound is epoxy.

13. (NEW) A camera system for mounting to an aircraft having a topography, the camera system comprising:

a housing including a flange and a receptacle, the flange being configured to complement the topography of the aircraft, the receptacle having an opening and an inner surface;

a window fixed within the opening of the receptacle;

a heater including a conductive film disposed upon the window and a pair of wires connected to the conductive film;

a camera disposed within the receptacle having optical communication with the window, a space being defined between the camera and the inner surface of the receptacle; and

a filler including an adhesive compound disposed in the space such that the space is completely filled with the filler to seal the camera within the receptacle and such that the filler provides the camera with a surrounding vibration-dampening layer of filler.